

FREE TUTORIAL: Single Binding

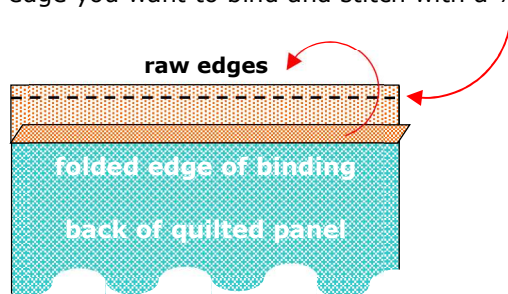
I would never advocate using a single binding on a quilt since a double or flange binding gives a much more hard-wearing and stable edge to anything that is likely to get handled or displayed. That said there is a place in your repertoire for single binding – when adding zips or finishing a bag pocket or where you will be sewing through the binding again (ie. bag construction) and don't want the additional layers of double binding adding to the bulk under the needle.

As with double binding you need to start with a strip long enough to do the job in hand, plus a little bit. Generally, since I am only binding the edge for a zip or pocket, these are short lengths that can be cut from one piece of fabric. If you do need to join your strips for any reason, press the joining seams open.

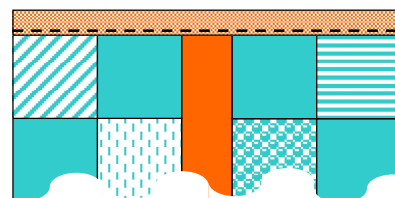
The width of your strips depends on how wide you want your binding to finish and the thickness of the item you are binding. As a general rule I use 1¼ or 1½ inch wide strips depending on the final effect I want. You might want to try a little experimenting to see what you are happy with.

Start by cutting a strip the length and width you need, then press over one long edge, Wrong Sides Together, a generous ¼ inch – probably closer to 3/8th inch – no need to measure, as long as you are consistent all the way down (and the same on both pieces if you are making binding for each side of a zip)

Line up the raw edges of the binding strip with the back of the edge you want to bind and stitch with a ¼ inch seam.



Pull the binding strip tightly over the edge of the panel enclosing all the raw edges and stitch in place on the front, close to the folded edge of the binding



Most of the occasions where I use a single binding it is just for straight edges for a zip or pocket, but you can bind corners as well. Turn the corners in exactly the same way as you would when applying double binding. For a reminder – have a look at my Double Binding tutorial:

<https://www.littlepatchpockets.co.uk/patterns/tutorials/handyhints.html>



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